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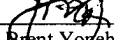
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2005.

The response is being filed with a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) on or before January 30, 2006, thus making it a timely response. Although the Applicant does not believe any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. 463037-00220; Docket No.: A-68718-4).

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